

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 911 without my signature.

I agree with the author and sponsors that emergency room overcrowding is a significant crisis facing our healthcare delivery system in California. Although I support the intent behind this bill, statute is not necessary and I do not believe it will provide any significant improvement to the underlying problem.

Hospitals and emergency room physicians have a strong and compelling interest to reduce emergency room overcrowding. I would encourage them to use the crowding score outlined in this bill and work to develop full-capacity protocols that best address their individual hospital needs.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger